

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gestures during a campaign event. Trump had an extended argument with the news anchor from a Hispanic television network, after he initially had the anchor escorted from a news conference before he spoke in Iowa, Tuesday, August 25, 2015. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa) Page 4



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France train suspect watched jihadi videos, prosecutor says

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Minutes before he slung an assault rifle across his chest and walked through a high-speed train, the Moroccan suspect in the foiled attack watched a jihadi video on his cellphone, the French prosecutor said in formally opening a terrorism investigation Tuesday.

The actions by Ayoub El-Khazzani on the Amsterdam-to-Paris train Friday night and information from other European authorities on his travels and apparent links to radical Islam prompted the investigation, said prosecutor Francois Molins.

El-Khazzani, 26, was tackled and tied up by five passengers, including three Americans and a Briton, averting what President Francois Hollande said "could have degenerated into monstrous carnage." During questioning by authorities, El-Khazzani said he had no terrorism plans and had found a bag of weapons Thursday in a Brussels park and planned to use them to rob passengers, Molins said.

But the suspect grew less and less lucid as he gave his explanation, the prosecutor added, and eventually stopped talking to investigators altogether.

One reason investigators suspect a premeditated attack was that El-Khazzani, who claimed to be homeless and living in a Brussels park, used a first-class ticket, Molins said.

The suspect refused to take an earlier train, he added, although there were seats available — "the sign of a planned project."

He boarded the train Friday at a Brussels station.

Besides the assault rifle, El-Khazzani had 270 rounds of ammunition, a pistol, a box-cutter and a bottle of gasoline, Molins said.

Prosecutors also said they found a small explosive like those used in the tips of missiles hidden in the glass box containing the hammer used to break train win-

dows in case of emergency. They did not elaborate.

"El-Khazzani watched a video of Islamic preaching onboard" on YouTube on his mobile phone shortly before he got up to start walking through the train with the weapons, Molins told reporters at a news conference. The suspect's phone was found in a bag left on the train.

The gunman was subdued by a group of three American friends and a British businessman.

Another man who tried to stop him — a French-American named Mark Moogalian — remained hospitalized with a gunshot wound.

With the formal investigation opened, investigating magistrates are expected to file numerous preliminary charges against El-Khazzani, including multiple counts of attempted murder in connection with terrorism, possession of weapons in connection with terrorism, and participation in a terrorist conspiracy.

The suspect had traveled through several European countries and had been repeatedly incarcerated in Spain and flagged for surveillance in France, Molins said. After five to seven months in 2014 in France, he lived in Brussels, Cologne and Vienna.

French surveillance helped authorities spot the suspect on a May 10 flight from Berlin to Istanbul, then a return flight from Antakya, Turkey, to Tirana, Albania, via Istanbul, Molins said. El-Khazzani denied going to Turkey.

He may also have tried to go to Syria.

The train incident has highlighted growing difficulties in protecting public spaces from individual attackers.

In his speech Tuesday, the French president said the country remains "exposed" to violent extremism, and "this aggression is new proof that we should prepare ourselves for other assaults."

Hollande did not elaborate on a specific threat, although France has been on high alert for attacks all

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French police officers patrol at Gare du Nord train station in Paris, France. The Moroccan suspect in Friday's foiled train attack watched a jihadi video on his cellphone minutes before attempting the attack, French prosecutors said in formally opening a terrorism investigation Tuesday.

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He stressed his commitment to counterterrorism ef-

forts at home and abroad against extremists.

The prosecutor said El-

Khazzani had boarded the train on Friday at a Brussels station. □

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Bush hit from both sides on birthright citizenship

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Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado

(AP) — Jeb Bush came to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post to talk about veterans' affairs but two words hung over the town hall event in a Denver suburb Tuesday: anchor babies.

That's the loaded term that Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump has used to refer to U.S.-born children of people who come to the country illegally. The babies have

automatic U.S. citizenship under the first section of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, something that Trump and other foes of high immigration levels decry.

As Bush has detailed his position — supporting birthright citizenship but concerned about the "birth tourism" industry that flies predominantly wealthy Asian mothers to the U.S. for childbirth — he's been questioned more than the reality show star. In response to a query at the town hall, Bush showed his

frustration.

"When I was 17 years old, I fell in love with Columba Garnica de Bush," he said, referring to his Mexican-born wife. "It's going to be really hard for me to get lectured to by anybody about the politics of immigration."

Last week, after Bush used the term "anchor babies" to say he was concerned about some possible abuses of birthright citizenship, he came under fire from the left for using what immigrant advocates consider a derogatory term.



Republican presidential candidate, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, speaks at the Defending the American Dream summit hosted by Americans for Prosperity at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. (AP Photo/Paul Vernon)

On Monday, Bush said he was talking about some "Asian people" rather than the vast majority of immigrants having children in the U.S. That drew another round of criticism from Democrats.

On Tuesday, Bush elaborated even further: "I was

talking about a very narrow system of fraud in which people are bringing in pregnant women to have babies to exploit birthright citizenship."

Bush is describing a real phenomenon that has drawn concern from the Obama administration. □

Trump

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Associated Press

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) — Re-

publican presidential candidate Donald Trump had an extended argument with the news anchor from a Hispanic television network, after he initially had the anchor escorted from a news conference.

Trump had a member of his security detail remove Jorge Ramos, the Miami-based anchor for Univision, from the conference room after Ramos stood up and began asking pointed

questions about the billionaire's immigration proposal.

Trump has proposed ending birthright citizenship, a constitutionally protected right that declares that children born in the U.S. are automatically citizens.

Trump told Ramos to "go back to Univision."

Trump said Ramos was removed because Trump didn't call on him to ask questions.

Ramos was later readmitted and engaged Trump in a lengthy argument. □

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New Jersey: Judge approves Christie's \$225M settlement with Exxon



Republican presidential candidate, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie speaks in Londonderry, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

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Associated Press**

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — After originally seeking \$8.9 billion, New Jersey's \$225 million settlement with Exxon-Mobil over dozens of polluted sites is a reasonable compromise considering the substantial legal risks the state faced, a judge ruled Tuesday in approving a deal that Gov. Chris Christie's administration called historic and opponents called a sell-out. The settlement ending an 11-year legal battle that spanned both Democratic and Republican governors is "fair, reasonable, in the public interest, and consistent with the goals of the Spill Compensation and Control Act," Superior Court Judge Michael Hogan wrote. He noted that the settlement is on top of Exxon's responsibility to clean up the sites, which include two oil refineries in Bayonne and Linden and retail gas stations across New Jersey. New Jersey sued ExxonMobil in 2004 for pollution dating back decades. The idea was to hold the company responsible not only for cleaning up polluted areas but to compensate the public for the alleged harm to groundwater, surface water and other ecological resources. "This is an important settlement for the citizens of New Jersey and for our environment, one which came about because this administration

aggressively pushed the case to trial," Acting Attorney General John Hoffman said.

Christie, a Republican running for his party's presidential nomination, has hailed the deal as the nation's second-largest of its kind against a corporate polluter, but the deal has been slammed by environmental groups and Democratic lawmakers who say the settlement is just a fraction of the billions of dollars New Jersey should have recovered.

"Today's decision by the court sadly rubber-stamps the Christie administration's sell-out settlement," said Doug O'Malley, director of Environment New Jersey. "This settlement still stinks." The deal covered properties such as the gas stations that were not part of the lawsuit. It calls for the oil company to pay for environmental remediation at the sites for an as-yet-unknown cost.

Hogan opens his 81-page ruling with a quote from a previous, unrelated case: "Nearly any consent decree can be viewed simultaneously as 'a crackdown or a sellout.'" Hogan presided during 66 days of trial from January 2014 to September 2014 that included dueling damage estimates from experts hired by the state and Exxon. He said he was just beginning to work on a ruling when he received notice that the state and Exxon had reached a settlement in

February 2015.

His decision to approve came after a 60-day public comment period, in which the vast majority of more than 16,000 public comments opposed the settlement, Hogan wrote.

He goes into detail in the ruling breaking down negotiations between Exxon and the state — New Jersey had asked for about \$550 million under Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine in 2008, Exxon started with an offer of \$0 — and cites the more than \$257 million in remediation work that an Exxon project manager said the company had done at the sites from 1991 through December 2014.

Democratic State Sen. Raymond Lesniak dismissed

that work, which opponents point out was part of separate court orders from 1991. "It's not significant," said Lesniak, a likely 2017 gubernatorial candidate who represents the area around the Bayonne and Bayway sites. "They've been polluting that site for over a century."

Lesniak and environmental groups said they plan to appeal, although the environmental groups will first need an appeals court to grant them permission to intervene in the case. New Jersey Sierra Club director Jeff Tittel says the groups plan an additional, separate appeal of the ruling.

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Mom accused of killing 3 sons could face death penalty

ANDREW HUGGINS
AP Legal Affairs Writer
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

A woman accused of killing her three young sons over a 13-month period out of jealousy at the attention her husband paid them was indicted Tuesday on aggravated murder charges that carry the possibility

of a death sentence. The charges against Brittaney Pilkington include capital punishment factors of multiple victims and victims under 13. Prosecutor William Goslee had previously said death penalty charges were unlikely given Pilkington's abusive childhood and life with her controlling

husband, who previously was her mother's boyfriend. He described a troubled woman who wanted "to eliminate male children" so her husband would have more time for her and her daughter. Pilkington, 23, is in jail on \$1 million bond. She didn't speak at a brief court hearing last week

and wasn't required to enter a plea on the murder charges against her. Her mother, Lori Cummins, said Pilkington told her in a brief jailhouse phone call last week that she's innocent. A message was left with Pilkington's attorney Tuesday after the indictment. But police and pros-

ecutors say Pilkington confessed Aug. 18, the day her third son, 3-month-old Noah, was found dead. Goslee has said authorities didn't have any evidence of a crime in the earlier deaths and no one could have predicted Pilkington would kill her remaining son. □

Wine train issues apology to black women booted from train

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Napa Valley Wine Train issued an apology Tuesday to a book club that includes mostly black women who said they were booted from a tasting tour because of their race. The company also promised additional training for employees on cultural diversity and sensitivity, and offered the group free passes for 50 people for a future trip.

"The Napa Valley Wine Train was 100 percent wrong in its handling of this issue," CEO Anthony "Tony" Giaccio said in a statement. "We accept full responsibility for our failures and for the chain of events



Five members of the Sistahs on the Reading Edge book club, all of Antioch, from left, Katherine Neal, Georgia Lewis, Lisa Renee Johnson, Allisa Carr and Sandra Jamerson stand together at Johnson's home in Antioch, Calif., on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015. (Jose Carlos Fajardo/Bay Area News Group via AP)

that led to this regrettable treatment of our guests." The 11 members of the book club, all but one of whom is African American,

said rude employees ordered them off the train on Saturday, mid-journey, and marched them down several aisles to their embar-

assment. "We didn't do anything wrong," club member Lisa Johnson, who chronicled the episode in cellphone videos and social media, told KTVU Monday. "We still feel this is about race. We were singled out." One member of the group is 83. Johnson was not immediately available for comment Tuesday to The Associated Press.

Wine train spokesman Sam Singer said employees had repeatedly asked the women to either quiet down or get off the train and accept a free bus ride back to their starting point. Giaccio said he had a conversation with Johnson, a leader of the Sistahs on the

Reading Edge Book Club, and offered the group the free passes for a reserved car "where you can enjoy yourselves as loudly as you desire." "We were insensitive when we asked you to depart our train by marching you down the aisle past all the other passengers," he said in his letter. "While that was the safest route for disembarking, it showed a lack of sensitivity on our part." The Napa Valley Wine Train offers food and wine to passengers as they roll to Napa County wineries in updated Pullman cars. On average, Singer said, individuals or groups are asked to get off the wine train once a month for various reasons. □

Defendant in Jewish site shootings trial seeks postponement

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Associated Press

OLATHE, Kansas (AP) A white supremacist charged with killing three people last year at Jewish sites in suburban Kansas City asked a judge on Tuesday to postpone the defense part of his trial until evidence he requested arrives in the mail. Frazier Glenn Miller Jr., 74, of Aurora, Missouri, said before jurors were brought into the courtroom that

the prosecutors' case was moving more quickly than anticipated. Miller, who fired his attorneys in May and has been representing himself, told Johnson County District Judge Thomas Kelly Ryan that he might not be ready to present his defense after prosecutors finished. "In view of that and the difficulty getting evidence mailed to me, I'd like to ask for postponement af-

ter prosecutors finish their case," Miller said. He did not give details about the evidence. Ryan refused to rule on that request but said he would take it up after the prosecution was done. The judge also reminded Miller he wanted to represent himself. At multiple hearings leading up to the trial, Miller admitted that he killed William Corporon, 69, and Corporon's 14-year-

old grandson, Reat Griffin Underwood, at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, and Terri LaMano, 53, at the nearby Village Shalom retirement center on April 13, 2014. None of the three was Jewish. Much of the evidence Miller has told jurors he planned to present consists of magazine and newspaper articles, books and TV shows that support his views. It's unclear how much of that

he will be able to present, though, because the judge has said he can't argue motives for the shootings until the penalty phase of the trial. Prior to the trial, Ryan also told Miller he couldn't use a "compelling necessity" defense in which he planned to argue that Jewish people are committing genocide against the white race and needed to be stopped. □



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Los Angeles looks at harsher penalties for child sex buyers

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Officials in Los Angeles County are adopting a get-tough tactic to deter men from soliciting sex from girls who are forced into prostitution — charging them with crimes that could mean prison time and registration as a sex offender. Targeting “johns,” or commercial sex buyers, is not a new concept, but hitting them with felonies such as rape, child abuse or endangerment and conspiracy is a step beyond the misdemeanor citations and fines customers typically receive in California and many other states. “What are johns? They’re pedophiles, they’re child molesters,” Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell told The Associated Press. “If we can take away the demand and very clearly let people know this is going to ruin their life ... We’re hoping that’s going to be a disincentive.” The county is the nation’s most populous, with more than 10 million residents. A taskforce that’s expected to be in place this fall will

pursue the stiffer charges, a push that puts Los Angeles at the national forefront of “appropriately going after the buyers” of child sex workers, according to Malika Saada Saar, head of the Washington D.C.-based Human Rights Project for Girls. For about a decade, Scandinavian countries have pioneered the so-called Nordic model, which aims to attack sex trafficking by targeting customers to decrease demand. The concept has gained traction in the United States in recent years with states including Massachusetts, New York and Colorado increasing fines and penalties. And law enforcement has started to move away from arresting women for prostitution and treating them like criminals. California is one of the nation’s top four destinations for trafficking human beings, according to the state attorney general’s office, and transnational gangs are increasingly trafficking humans because it’s low risk and highly profitable. Five girls working for a trafficker seven days a week



Kim Biddle, founder and executive director of Saving Innocence, far right, talks during the Domestic Human Trafficking symposium in Los Angeles. Officials in Los Angeles County, the nation’s most populous, are adopting a get-tough tactic to deter men from soliciting sex from girls who are forced into prostitution. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

brings in an estimated \$600,000 to \$800,000 annually. The average age in California for a girl who is sex trafficked is 12 years old and some are as young as 9 years old, McDonnell said. The average age of entry into sex work nationally is 15 years old, said Ziba Cranmer, executive director of Washington D.C.-based nonprofit Demand

Abolition. California doesn’t have a specific law treating johns as traffickers, so jurisdictions such as Los Angeles and Alameda counties are trying to use existing sex laws against buyers. Nearly two dozen other states have trafficking laws that target buyers, but having them on the books

doesn’t necessarily mean they’re employed. “They’re just not really being used as a tool for combating demand, even though they’re technically available in a lot of states,” said Christine Raino, director of public policy for Shared Hope International, a nonprofit working to eradicate sex trafficking. □

Victim group seeks review of clergy abuse claims

GREG MOORE
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A group of clergy sexual abuse victims called Tuesday for an independent commission to investigate molestation accusations sealed in a bankruptcy case involving the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The move comes a day after church lawyers formalized a \$21 million settlement between nearly 400 abuse victims and the archdiocese. It advances a position the Survivors

Network of those Abused by Priests has held for years: that church officials shouldn’t be the first authorities to review clergy abuse reports. The victims’ group fears the settlement would expose only some of the abuse allegations, but church officials have firmly maintained that claims have been properly and transparently investigated and that they’ve worked to make sure children are safe. In the settlement filing, the church outlines the steps it

has taken, including conducting annual outside audits, which have resulted in “exemplary reports from the independent auditors.” It also says that every report of clerical sexual abuse of a minor, provided the accused cleric is still alive, is handed over to prosecutors. The settlement shows that some of the accusations and associated narratives have been reviewed by victims’ lawyers and published on the archdiocese website in accordance with a 2013 court ruling. □

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Iraqi PM says defense of refinery town crucial to IS defeat



Iraq's Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, second from right, meets with his military commanders at an Iraqi Army base near the oil refinery town of Beiji north of Baghdad, Iraq. Al-Abadi said that winning the ongoing battle over control of an oil refinery town north of Baghdad is the key to defeating the Islamic State group in Iraq during his visit to the town of Beiji.

(AP Photo)

QASSIM ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Winning the battle for control of an oil refinery town north of Baghdad is a key step toward defeating the Islamic State group, Iraq's prime minister said in remarks aired Tuesday,

hours before a suicide attack killed 13 soldiers and allied militiamen in the western Anbar province. "Victory at Beiji is a crucial step toward ending Daesh's presence in Iraq," Haider al-Abadi told military and militia commanders during a visit to the area the day

before, using an Arabic acronym for the IS group. The military retook the town of Beiji from the extremists in November, but government forces and allied Shiite militiamen there have come under mounting pressure in recent weeks. Militants now

control up to half of the town and oil refinery to the north, a top commander told The Associated Press. Al-Abadi said the extremist group, which controls large swaths of territory in western and northern Iraq, is throwing significant resources into the battle for Beiji. "Daesh wants to punch a hole there so our situation, not just in Beiji, but in the entire area, becomes untenable. The collapse (of Iraqi forces) that the enemy wanted did not happen," he said in remarks aired by state television. "Beiji has become a key front for the defense of Samarra, Salahuddin (province) and even Baghdad." Samarra is home to an important Shiite shrine that was bombed by suspected Sunni extremists in 2006, triggering widespread sectarian violence that claimed tens of thousands of lives. The oil refinery in Beiji, 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Baghdad, has not operated since the IS seized the town as part of its blitz

across much of northern and western Iraq in the summer of 2014. There are no residents left in Beiji, which has suffered massive destruction over the past 14 months. However, control of Beiji gives government forces a key foothold for any future campaign to take back Mosul, Iraq's second largest city. Elsewhere in Iraq, a suicide bomber in an explosives-laden army vehicle drove into a group of soldiers and Sunni militiamen southeast of the IS-held city of Ramadi, the provincial capital of the vast Anbar province west of Baghdad, killing 13 and injuring seven, according to security officials. Tuesday's attack came four days after up to 50 soldiers were killed in two separate ambushes, also near Ramadi. In Baghdad, an army helicopter pilot was killed Monday in the upscale al-Mansour neighborhood by an explosive device attached to his car, according to security and hospital officials. □

Turkey, US conclude talks on anti-IS operation plan

SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish and U.S. officials have concluded "technical talks" over their cooperation on operations against the Islamic State group, Turkey's foreign minister said Tuesday. Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters that Turkish and U.S. military officials had sealed an agreement concerning "the procedures and technical de-

tails" of their operations. He didn't provide details, but he has said an extensive, coordinated operation against the militant group would start soon. "The military authorities have signed off," Cavusoglu said. Ending months of reluctance, Turkey last month took on a more front line role in the fight against IS. It has carried out raids against IS targets in Syria and is allowing a key air

base close to the Syrian border to be used in the U.S.-led campaign against the extremists. The move follows a suicide bombing in July, blamed on IS, which killed 33 people in the Turkish border city of Suruc near Syria and an attack on Turkish troops guarding the border, which killed one soldier. U.S. F-16 jets launched their first airstrikes from the Turkish air base Incirlik this month, hitting one or more IS tar-

gets. Earlier, the U.S. also began flying armed drones from Incirlik, which is just a short distance from targets in northern Syria. Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said Tuesday that the agreement calls for Turkey to be fully integrated into the coalition air campaign. He said Turkey is "committed to fully participating" in military operations against IS, but that the agreement does not include specific

new steps by Turkey to control its borders with Iraq and Syria. He said cooperation on that is "a work in progress." He added it would likely take "a few days" to put the technical agreement into practice. U.S. White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said earlier that Turkish and U.S. officials have been engaged in talks on deepening cooperation on implementing a "strategy to degrade and ultimately destroy" IS. □

South Korea halts propaganda broadcasts as Koreas reach deal



South Korean residents come out from a shelter as police officers stand guard in Yeoncheon, south of the demilitarized zone that divides the two Koreas, South Korea.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

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Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— South Korea says it got an apology. North Korea says its archival learned a “serious lesson.” That’s how compromises are engineered on a peninsula that has technically been at war for more than 60 years. Seoul halted anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts over loudspeakers on the border Tuesday, hours after North Korea expressed “regret” over two South Korean soldiers maimed by recent land mine blasts. The North’s carefully worded yet vague statement, produced after more than 40 hours of talks between the countries, helped bring the rivals back from threats that seemed set to spin out of control last week.

The Koreas also struck an important humanitarian agreement by promising to begin talks in September to plan emotional reunions of families separated by the Korean War. The reunions could take place as early as October, considering the time needed to match relatives and agree on a venue, said an official from Seoul’s Unification Ministry who didn’t want to be named, citing office rules. It’s unclear how long the good mood will continue: The Koreas have a history of failing to follow through on their promises and allowing simmering animosity to interrupt diplomacy. But in the short term at least, the deal was a relief, easing prospects of fighting between two countries that had seemed equally

unwilling to give ground to the other. “I hope the two sides faithfully implement the agreements and build up (mutual) confidence through a dialogue and cooperation and that it serves as a chance to work out new South-North relations,” chief South Korean negotiator and presidential

national security director Kim Kwan-jin said in a televised news conference. The United States quickly welcomed the agreement and the prospect of tensions dropping. Pyongyang had denied involvement in the land mine explosions earlier this month. South Korea

resumed its loudspeaker propaganda broadcasts along the border in response to the blast. Last week, Seoul said North Korea launched an artillery barrage in response to the broadcasts. Pyongyang denied it, but South Korea’s military answered with substantially greater firepower,

sending dozens of artillery rounds across the border. No injuries were reported in either incident, but the North reacted with fury, declaring that its front-line troops were in full war readiness and prepared to go to battle unless Seoul dismantled the loudspeakers by Saturday. □

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Hezbollah throws weight behind protests, deepening crisis

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The powerful Lebanese Shiite group Hezbollah threw its weight Tuesday behind mass protests calling for the government's resignation, deepening a crisis that started over piles of uncollected garbage in the streets of the capital but has tapped into a much deeper malaise. The explosion of anger targets the endemic corruption, hapless government and sectarian divisions of a brittle country once torn by civil war and now struggling with a wave of hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees. A grassroots youth movement calling itself "You

Stink" mobilized thousands of people in two rallies over the weekend, and has called for another large protest on Saturday. The Hezbollah announcement of support for the protests is likely to fuel concerns the Iranian-backed group will try to hijack a rare, non-political movement for its own political gain. Hezbollah ministers and their allies walked out of a Cabinet meeting Tuesday meant to discuss the worsening garbage crisis. Prime Minister Tammam Salam called the emergency session after the weekend clashes between security forces and demonstrators protesting corruption and poor public services. The six ministers withdrew four hours into the meet-



Men from a Lebanese engineering unit remove a concrete wall that was installed yesterday by authorities, near the main Lebanese government building, in downtown Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015. The wall was being taken down on orders from the Lebanese Prime Minister Tammam Salam, likely as a move to appease demonstrators who dubbed it a "wall of shame."
(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

ing. Foreign Minister Gibran Bassil, whose Free Patriotic Movement is aligned with Hezbollah, said he was pulling out because of the political "theater" surrounding the trash issue. During the Cabinet session, ministers unanimously rejected the winning bidders to manage Beirut's trash collection, citing high costs and a bidding procedure some said was questionable. The Cabinet tasked a ministerial committee with restarting the bidding, meaning no imminent solu-

tion to the crisis was likely. Salam suggested dumping the garbage in the remote, impoverished region of Akkar, which has been neglected for decades, in exchange for \$100 million in development projects as an incentive. That further riled the protesters. "Akkar is not a garbage dump!" read the slogan on one protester's T-shirt. The trash crisis has exacerbated the long-existing fault lines in Lebanon which in recent years have pitted the Iranian-backed

Hezbollah against the country's Western-aligned, pro-Saudi camp. Those divisions mirror the larger regional Shiite-Sunni divide, and have long paralyzed the government. Although Salam's government has elements from both camps, Hezbollah regards the prime minister as an ally of Saudi Arabia. The Shiite group's ally, Christian leader Michel Aoun, has been assailing the prime minister over his handling of Cabinet and security appointments. □

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Russia:

Putin hosts Middle East leaders at air show

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin has played host to the king of Jordan and the crown prince of Abu Dhabi on the first day of Russia's main aviation and space show. In opening the International Aviation and Space Salon, or MAKS, Putin said

Tuesday the six-day show near Moscow would see the signing of a series of "serious agreements." He said Russia intends to promote its passenger and transport planes more actively on both the domestic and international market, while also increasing its space potential and

strengthening its position as a leading producer of military aircraft. Putin was joined by Jordanian King Abdullah II and Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who is the crown prince of Abu Dhabi and deputy commander of the United Arab Emirates armed forces. □



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Official:

South Sudan president may sign peace deal Wednesday



In this photo, then Vice President Riek Machar, left, and President of South Sudan Salva Kiir, centre, arrive in Juba, South Sudan. A South Sudan spokesman said Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015 that President Salva Kiir may sign a peace deal with rebels on Wednesday, more than a week after refusing to do so.

(AP Photo/Pete Muller)

JASON PATINKIN

CARA ANNA

Associated Press

JUBA, South Sudan (AP) — South Sudan President Salva Kiir may sign a peace deal with rebels on Wednesday, more than a week after refusing to do so, a presidential spokesman said Tuesday. The U.N. Security Council threatened to "act immediately" if he doesn't.

Kiir will first express "reservations" about the agreement with rebel leader Riek Machar at a summit with regional leaders in the nation's capital, Juba, Ateny Wek Ateny said. He said Kiir is unhappy about the demands that Juba be demilitarized, the rebels will appoint two state governors, and a foreigner will head a monitoring commission.

Machar last week signed the deal, but Kiir said he needed more consultations.

Calling Kiir's move "outrageous," the United States then circulated a draft Security Council resolution that would impose an arms embargo and targeted sanctions if South Sudan's government doesn't sign by Sept. 1.

The council will take immediate action if Kiir doesn't sign on Wednesday, the current U.N. Security Council president, Nigerian Ambassador Joy Ogwu, told reporters.

South Sudan has been at war since December 2013, when a split within the security forces escalated into a violent rebellion led by Machar. The ethnic nature of the violence has alarmed the international community.

Thousands of people have been killed. More than 1.6

million people have been displaced. The U.N. says young girls have been raped and burned alive. Doctors Without Borders on Tuesday said two of its staff members were killed in Unity state last week.

A report by a U.N. panel of experts, made public Tuesday, said both sides in the conflict between government forces and rebels have targeted civilians. It also said "the intensity and brutality of the violence" since April has been the worst in an "exceedingly violent conflict."

The panel, which monitors U.N. sanctions, said a major Chinese state-owned arms supplier sold weapons worth more than \$20 million to South Sudan's

government last year, several months into the conflict. ChinaNorth Industries Corp., or Norinco, provided arms that included 100 anti-tank guided missile launchers, 1,200 missiles, about 2,400 grenade launchers and 24 million rounds of various types of ammunition. The report also said South Sudan's military has somehow obtained four attack helicopters since the start of the conflict. It had none before then.

The panel of experts obtained and published a \$850 million military "emergency budget" for the first six months of 2014, saying that buying weapons "was from the very beginning of the conflict a central policy option."

Girl suicide bomber kills 5, injures 41 in Nigeria

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HARUNA UMAR

Associated Press

DAMATURU, Nigeria (AP) — Two suicide bombers carried out separate attacks Tuesday that killed five people in Damaturu, a town in northeastern Nigeria, police and witnesses said. In one attack, a girl bomber died in an explosion that killed five people at the crowded entrance to the main bus station, said Assistant Superintendent Toyin Gbagedesin. Witnesses said a young male suicide bomber killed only himself when his device exploded prematurely. Gbagedesin said 41 people were wounded in the bus station explosion. The bomber appeared to be about 14 years old.

Nigeria's Islamic extremist group, Boko Haram, is suspected of being behind the attacks. It has used dozens of girls and women in recent suicide bombings in Nigeria and neighboring Chad, Cameroon and Niger, raising fears it is using kidnap victims.

More than 1,000 people have been killed since President Muhammadu Buhari was elected in March with a pledge to annihilate the militants, whose 6-year-old uprising has killed a total of about 20,000 people. Nearly 2 million have been driven from their homes, some across borders.

Earlier this year, troops from Chad and Nigeria drove the extremists out of some 25 towns held for months in what they had declared

an Islamic caliphate. The insurgents have returned to hit-and-run tactics and suicide bombings.

In one bold attack last week, the extremists ambushed the lead vehicle in a convoy carrying Nigeria's new chief of army staff, Lt. Gen. Tukur Buratai. One soldier was killed and two wounded in a firefight in which the troops killed five attackers and arrested five. Defense chiefs have finalized details to deploy a regional army of 8,750 troops from five countries against Boko Haram, Nigeria's Defense Ministry reported Tuesday following a meeting of commanders in N'Djamena, the Chad capital and headquarters of the multinational force. □

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Guatemala corruption scandal leads to political crisis

SONIA PEREZ

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

Street demonstrations, the resignation of cabinet ministers and the arrest of his former vice president have pushed Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina into a corner.

Protesters demanding Perez Molina's resignation blocked roads on the out-

skirts of Guatemala City on Tuesday, the same day a judge was expected to rule on allegations that former Vice President Roxana Baldetti accepted \$3.7 million in bribes as part of a scandal that forced her from office. Since Friday, five of Perez Molina's 13 cabinet secretaries have resigned, mainly because of the scandal. Business

and church groups have joined the calls for him to step down. Tensions are mounting ahead of the Sept. 6 elections, which are to elect Perez Molina's successor.

Some protesters are demanding the elections be postponed until the corruption scandal is resolved and Perez Molina resigns. Prosecutors have said the

president may have been involved in the scandal and have called for his immunity from prosecution to be lifted. Perez Molina rejected the possibility of resigning in a televised speech on Sunday. He has denied involvement in the scandal, which involved bribes funneled to a chain of officials who helped businesses evade import duties.

Authorities say a criminal ring known as "La Linea," or "The Line," was allegedly led by Baldetti's aide, Juan Carlos Monzon Rojas, who is currently a fugitive.

Protesters pledging more demonstrations in coming days. Farm leader Carlos Barrientos said road blockades may be erected in about two dozen points around the country. □

Finger pointing in Argentina after police break up protests

P. PRENGAMAN

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — In a sign of increasing tension ahead of October elections, the top presidential candidates in Argentina and other government officials exchanged accusations on Tuesday after protests over alleged vote fraud in a northern province were broken up with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Cabinet chief Anibal Fernandez suggested that foreign elements from "up north" had organized the late Monday protests, which ended when police fired on people and forcefully removed them from the main square of San Miguel de Tucuman, about 807 miles (1,300 kilometers) north of Buenos Aires.

Mauricio Macri, the leading opposition candidate for October's presidential election, told reporters on Tuesday that it's impossible to say Sunday's gubernatorial election in Tucuman was clean when at least 40 ballot boxes had been burned.

"We can't say that this was



Demonstrators bang pots to protest alleged fraud in the recent governorship election in Tucuman, Argentina. The ruling party Frente Para la Victoria's candidate Juan Manzur won Sunday's elections that were tarnished with allegations of malpractice and fraud. The sign reads in Spanish "Justice for my vote."

a normal election," said Macri, adding that having voting irregularities "in the 21st century is unacceptable."

Ruling party presidential candidate Daniel Scioli said that complaining protesters and politicians simply didn't want to accept

that ruling party candidate Juan Manzur won the election. Scioli accused Macri of stirring up emotions.

"I understand (Macri) is in a presidential campaign but he has a responsibility," to project calm and respect voters' wishes.

Sergio Massa, a former rul-

ing party loyalist who broke to run on his own ticket, said the incident showed it was time to modernize the national voting system, which for federal elections still uses paper ballots. It's time "to reform this outdated, obsolete and old system," said Massa.

(Julio Pantoja/Infoto via AP)

According to results released Monday, Manzur won with 54 percent of the vote compared to 40 percent for Jose Cano, the closest contender.

Demonstrators claimed fraud in the provincial governor's race after several ballot boxes were burned in incidents that authorities have said were instigated by people of several political parties. Cabinet chief Fernandez initially told reporters that he didn't know what happened in Tucuman because he "was sleeping" when the incident happened. Later in the day, he suggested that the skirmishes were "actions of the North that seek to delegitimize the elections" later this year.

Administration officials from the ruling party, in power since 2003, periodically complain of meddling by foreign countries.

Outgoing governor Jose Alperovich said police force was "excessive" and that prosecutors would investigate. He also promised to open "ballot box after ballot box" if a recount is necessary. □

Puerto Rico power company drops Petrobras in new deal

DANICA COTO

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) —

Puerto Rico's heavily indebted power company said Tuesday that it signed a contract to replace Brazilian oil giant Petrobras as the island's main fuel supplier in a bid to save money as a restructuring deadline looms.

The Electric Power Authority said the deal with Con-

necticut-based Freepoint Commodities will help save \$25 million the first year.

Neither the U.S. territory's power company nor Freepoint responded to messages seeking details of the contract. Documents filed with Puerto Rico's Comptroller Office show the deal is worth \$870 million, but no further details were available.

The power company said

it also modified a deal with Spain-based Gas Natural Aprovevisionamientos for \$30 million in savings. The company will continue to provide natural gas for Puerto Rico's Costa Sur power plant, which has been burning natural gas since 2012 in a bid to reduce the U.S. territory's heavy dependence on petroleum. Details of that agreement were not available at the

Comptroller Office.

"(The contracts) symbolize an important step in the ongoing transformation of the Electric Power Authority," said Javier Quintana, the company's executive director.

It is unclear whether the deals would result in savings for consumers in Puerto Rico, where power bills are on average twice that of the U.S. mainland.

The announcement by the Electric Power Authority comes two weeks before a deadline with creditors to restructure an agency that holds more than \$8 billion in debt. The bondholders group previously agreed to extend a debt payment deadline to Sept. 15 but warned it would automatically end if a restructuring deal is not reached by Sept. 1. □



With New Cooperation with IBiSA:

KLM Curacao Marathon Expects Solid Participation from Aruba



ORANJESTAD/WILLEMS-TAD - On Sunday, November 29th, 2015, the second edition of KLM Curacao Marathon will take place. The event is organized by the Foundation "Run in the Sun".

Participants can choose between different distances: 5 km Walk or Run, 10 km Walk or Run, a half or full marathon, trail of 10.5 or 16.65 km. The organization has set a target to double the number of participants compared to the first edition of last year and so far runners from 21 countries have already registered. Aruba was very well represented during last year's marathon with more than 40 participants. The organization hopes this year it may count again on many enthusiastic participants from the island.

The organization:

The organization Foundation "Run in the Sun" aims to promote a healthy lifestyle for young and old in the Caribbean. The quality of standard of the KLM Marathon has a great appeal to international students and as such also promotes tourism to Curacao. The board of the foundation consists of founders Kees van Muiswinkel and Martin Does.

The KLM Curacao Marathon is organized in cooperation with the Curacao Tourist Board, the Athletics Federation of Curacao and the Curacao Hospitality & Tourism Association. In addition, there is collaboration with the Royal Dutch Navy for support and assistance of the trails. This year there will be a new distance in this category, the



From left to right: Janine de Windt (Curaçao Tourist Board), Sue Ann de Leça - Leong (IBiSA) Does Martin (St "Run in the Sun") and Monique van Embden (IBiSA).

16.65 km trail, referring to the year 1665 when Michiel de Ruyter founded the Marine Corps. Unique collaboration with IBiSA to register in Aruba: To encourage and facilitate participation from Aruba we are proud of the organization's recent collaboration with "Instituto Biba Saludabel y Activo (IBiSA)", as its official partner in Aruba. The mission of IBiSA is to promote a healthy and active lifestyle and as such to encourage sports and physical activity, which is parallel to the objectives of the Foundation "Run in the Sun". Especially for participants from

Aruba, as of today, there is a separate registration option available on the website www.klmcuracao-marathon.com, facilitating participants who prefer to pay cash, to do so at the office of IBiSA. On the day of event, a representative of IBiSA will be present in Curacao for information and assistance in matters of registration, collecting the start entry permits and preparation. Each participant will receive a bib number with a time registration chip, a cotton event T-shirt, and a participation medal. The organizers will also provide

water stations and fruit along the route and two admission tickets for the After Party. Results are immediately available after passing the finish line, accessible on the website and via the specially designed app which can be downloaded via iTunes or Google Play Store. The entry fee for the marathon is 45 USD and for the half-marathon (35 USD), 10 km Walk & Run (\$ 22.50), Walk & Run (\$ 17.50), 10.5 km Trail (27.50 USD) 16.65 km Trail (35 USD). Monique van Embden director of IBiSA says "that IBiSA is promoting sports and

physical activity, amongst which running events, in Aruba and sees the KLM Curacao Marathon as a unique opportunity for Aruban athletes to gain experience by participating in an international running event "not far from home". Martin Does of the Foundation "Run in the Sun" is very excited about the collaboration and making the necessary arrangements for a representative of IBiSA in Curacao to assist the participants from Aruba during the event.

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Janine de Windt of the Curaçao Tourist Board embraces the initiative of the KLM Curacao Marathon and is pleased that there are now attractive packages offered for participants from Aruba.

The free KLM Curacao Marathon app: Last month, the first KLM Curacao Marathon app was launched in Curacao. The app provides all the relevant information about the event. Unique is that family, friends and fans in Aruba and around the world can follow their favorite runners in real time via a GPS connection and Track & Trace.

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of Silsto Imports in Louisville, Kentucky, guests will be taken on a draft trip that will make their heads spin. Palates are expected to dance a little jig as



the various draft beers will be served: the first one is Sho'Nuff, which will be followed by a glass of The Brown Note. Sweet, almost chocolaty Jacques Trappe precedes the Kentucky Ryed Chiquen. Poffo pils will be the final liquid treat of the tasting, during which teasers are showcasing Sidebar's excellent kitchen.

The tasting event at Sidebar follows in the footsteps of the renewed interest in craft beers in America and in Europe. The number of microbreweries in the US tripled in the past few years in the US and in the Netherlands there are now more craft beer brewers than in Belgium. Experiencing the different flavors is part

bons will be available at selected spots. Mr. Brauner, a restaurant owner himself, travels widely across the US and the Caribbean to introduce his impressive portfolio.

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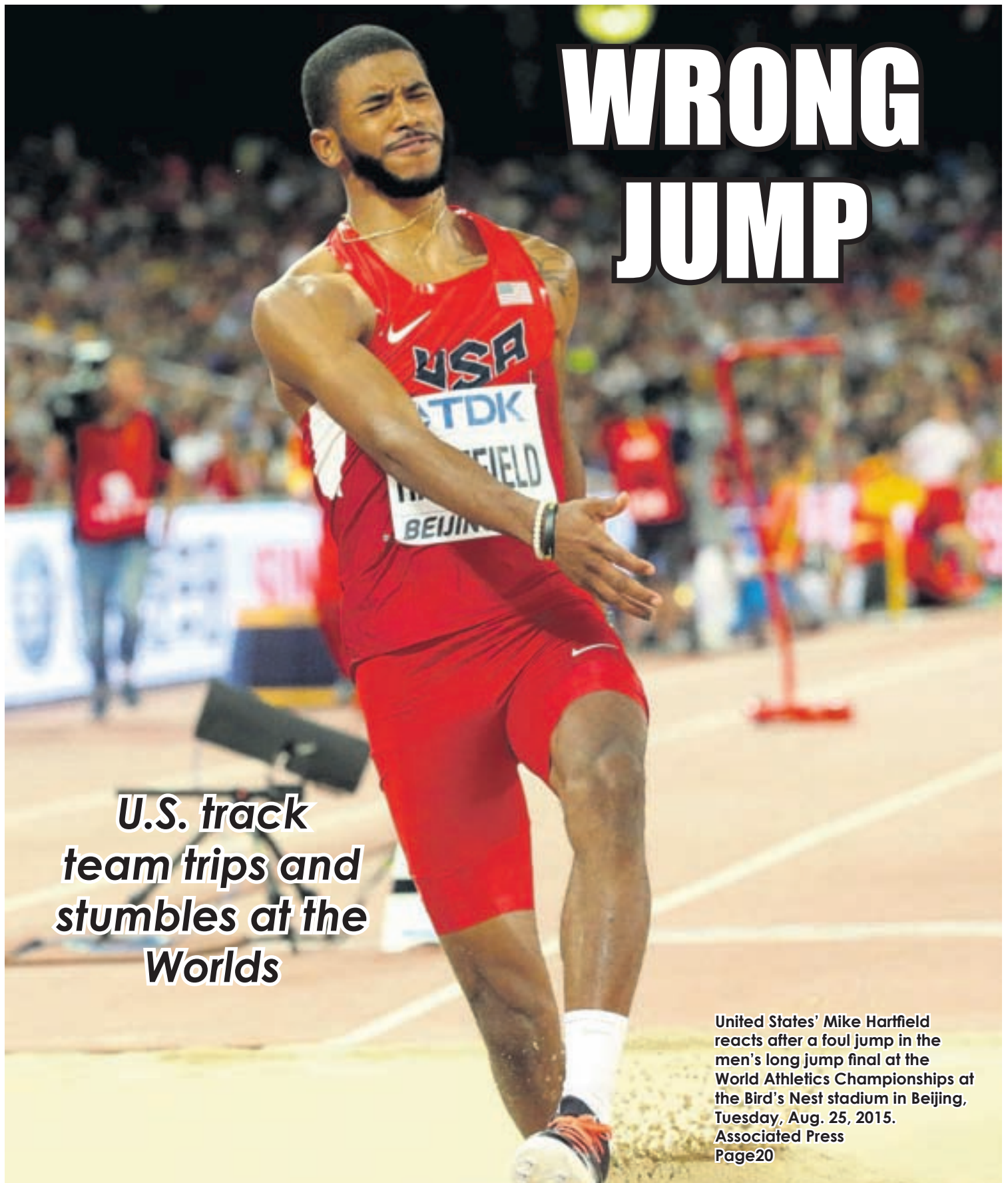


Justin Wilson, of England, walks on pit road during qualifying for Sunday's Pocono IndyCar 500 auto race, Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, in Long Pond, Pa. Associated Press

IndyCar driver Justin Wilson saves 6 lives by donating organs

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — The late IndyCar driver Justin Wilson saved six lives Tuesday by donating his organs, his brother said. "He just keeps setting the bar higher," Stefan Wilson posted on his Twitter page. "Keep Julia & the girls in your prayers #myherojw." The 37-year-old Wilson died Monday night from a head injury suffered when a piece of debris struck him during a race the previous day at Pocono Raceway. A British driver who lived in Colorado, Wilson was hit in the head by piece of debris from another car.

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WRONG JUMP

U.S. track team trips and stumbles at the Worlds

United States' Mike Hartfield reacts after a foul jump in the men's long jump final at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015. Associated Press Page20



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Valverde wins 4th Vuelta stage, Chaves keeps lead

VEJER DE LA FRONTERA, Spain (AP) — Former champion Alejandro Valverde won the fourth stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Tuesday, while Colombian Esteban Chaves protected the leader's jersey for a third day.

The 35-year-old Spanish veteran perfectly timed his late charge on the final uphill push and held off Peter Sagan to keep the Slovak from claiming a second straight stage. Valverde crossed the finish line of the 209.6-kilometer (130.2-mile) route from Estepona to Vejer de la Frontera in 5 hours, 7 minutes and 30 seconds. Valverde, who won the three-week Grand Tour in 2009 and finished this year's Tour de France in third place, moved up in the general classification from seventh to fifth place, 25 seconds behind Chaves. Valverde opened up a 15-second gap over Tour winner and race favor-



Esteban Chavez from Colombia celebrates on the podium after winning the 158.7 kilometer second stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race between Alhaurin de la Torre to Caminito del Rey, Spain, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015.

ite Chris Froome, who remained 40 seconds off Chaves' pace. Nairo Quintana, Valverde's Movistar teammate, stayed 36 seconds behind Chaves. The long stage in sunny

southern Spain was largely flat, except for the last four kilometers when it climbed through narrow streets. Valverde said the only reconnaissance of the course he had had time to do was

via Google Maps. "We saw that it was a demanding finish and it could be good for me," he said. "I kept my cool and waited because I knew the final 500 meters (yards) were

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very tough, and I chose my moment to strike."

Six riders broke away early in the stage and opened up a gap of over 13 minutes, but the peloton swallowed up the last two with 11 kilometers (6.8 miles) left. Americans Tejay Van Garderen and Andrew Talansky were involved in a minor pileup at slow speeds as the peloton squeezed around a curve with around 33 kilometers (20.5 miles) to go. They both managed to re-join the pack before the finish.

Chaves will wear the red jersey on Wednesday's fifth stage, a flat 167.3-kilometer (103.9-mile) route from Rota to Alcala de Guadaira.

"The last climb was hard and I was nervous, but my team put me at the front," said Chaves, who rides for Orica GreenEdge. "The key is to believe. I have, after all, worn the jersey for three days." □

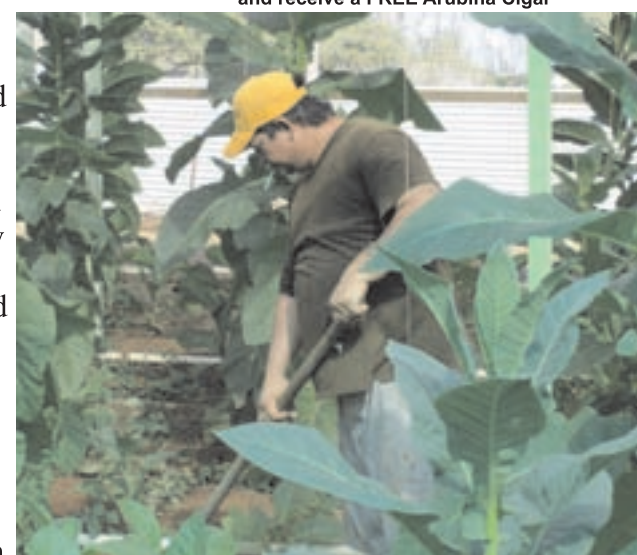
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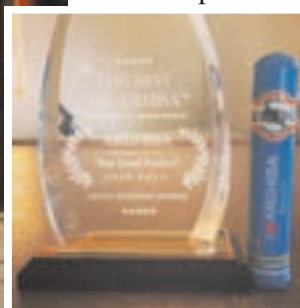
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Beltran hits sacrifice fly in 9th; Yankees beat Astros 1-0



Houston Astros catcher Hank Conger, left, watches as New York Yankees Carlos Beltran hits a ninth-inning, walk-off, sacrifice fly that allowed Brett Gardner to score the winning run in the Yankees 1-0 victory over the Astros in a baseball game against the Houston Astros at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, Aug. 24, 2015.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Beltran hit a game-ending sacrifice fly after Oliver Perez walked the bases loaded, and the Yankees beat the Astros in a game highlighted by a tense duel between Nathan Eovaldi and Scott Feldman.

Perez (0-1) entered in the ninth and gave New York fans a reminder of his wild five seasons with the Mets. He walked Brett Gardner, threw a wild pitch, then walked Alex Rodriguez intentionally. Brian McCann walked to load them and end Perez's night. Beltran then gave Chad Qualls' first pitch a ride to deep center field for New York's third walk-off win this year.

Andrew Miller (2-2) pitched the ninth in helping the Yankees hand the AL West leaders their 18th road loss in their last 22 away games. The Astros were coming off a sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers at Minute Maid Park.

Eovaldi and Feldman each went eight innings.

ROYALS 8, ORIOLES 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Omar Infante led a seven-

run charge in the sixth inning to support a strong start by Kris Medlen, helping the Royals beat the Orioles.

Despite working on a pitch count, Medlen (2-0) lasted six innings in his first start since Sept. 27, 2013, with Atlanta. The right-hander allowed five hits — one of them a two-run homer by Adam Jones in the first inning — while striking out six without a walk.

Medlen, who returned last month after his second Tommy John surgery, made seven appearances out of the Kansas City bullpen before replacing Jeremy Guthrie in the starting rotation.

Infante followed a tying, two-run homer by Mike Moustakas in the sixth with a two-run triple, then scampered home when the throw to third base skittered away. Lorenzo Cain drove in two more later in the inning, spoiling what had been a promising start by Ubaldo Jimenez (9-8).

RED SOX 5, WHITE SOX 4
CHICAGO (AP) — Rusney Castillo homered and drove in a career-high five runs, Joe Kelly won his fifth

straight outing and the Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 on Monday night.

Kelly (7-6) allowed five hits and two runs over 7 1-3 innings while walking one and striking out three. He became the first Red Sox pitcher since Clay Buchholz in 2013 to win five straight starts.

Jean Machi pitched the ninth for his second save in

two opportunities.

Castillo went 3 for 4 and finished a triple shy of the cycle. His sixth-inning double to the right-center field gap drove in two runs and extended Boston's lead to 5-1.

Jeff Samardzija (8-10) dropped a career-worst fifth straight decision. After giving up Castillo's two-run double, Samardzija allowed the next two hit-

ters to reach before being pulled after surrendering his second walk.

ATHLETICS 11, MARINERS 5
SEATTLE (AP) — Danny Valencia homered and Stephen Vogt doubled twice in Oakland's seven-run fifth inning, and the Athletics climbed out of a big hole against Hisashi Iwakuma for an 11-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night. □



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Cardinals on the double, beat Diamondbacks 5-3

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PHOENIX (AP) — Lance Lynn pitched six effective innings with the help of four double plays and Yadier Molina hit a two-run single in the seventh inning, lifting the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday night.

Lynn (10-8) allowed two runs on nine hits and induced three straight inning-ending double plays, including with the bases loaded in the fourth and fifth. Trevor Rosenthal gave up a run-scoring single to David Peralta in the ninth inning before closing out his 39th save.

Matt Carpenter hit a solo homer off Jhoulys Chacin (0-1) and the Cardinals broke open a tie game with a three-run seventh inning. The Cardinals, who have the best record in baseball, have won 10 of their last 11 games against Arizona.

Arizona's Wellington Castillo hit a solo homer, but flew out with the bases loaded to end the seventh.

NY METS 16, PHILLIES 7

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — David Wright hit a long home run on his first major league swing in 133 days, Wilmer Flores went deep twice and the New York Mets set a franchise record with eight homers in a 16-7 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday night.

Yoenis Cespedes, Juan Lagares, Travis d'Arnaud, Daniel Murphy and Michael Cuddyer also connected for the NL East-leading Mets. New York set a franchise record with 15 extra-base hits — seven doubles and eight homers. The teams tied an NL record with 11 combined homers. Fresh off scoring 33 runs in a three-game sweep at Colorado, the Mets slugged their way back from a 7-2 deficit after Jacob deGrom's shortest career outing.

The 2014 NL Rookie of the Year lasted just 2 2-3 innings and allowed a career-high seven runs on eight hits. His

ERA rose from 1.98 to 2.29. Sean Gilmartin (3-1) had four strikeouts in 3 1-3 scoreless innings to earn the win. Ryan Howard and Domonic Brown hit three-run homers and Cameron Rupp also took deGrom deep. But the Mets chased starter Adam Morgan and rallied off Hector Neris (2-1).

CUBS 2, INDIANS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Kris Bryant homered with two outs in the ninth inning to lift the surging Cubs to a victory over the Indians in a make-up of a rained out game from June 15.

The rookie, who had homered twice Sunday, lined a pitch from Cleveland reliever Zach McAllister (3-4) into the right field bleachers to give Chicago its fifth straight win and 21st victory in 26 games. Carlos Santana singled home pinch runner Abraham Almonte with the tying run with two out in the ninth to spoil Jon Lester's bid for his first shutout and complete game with the Cubs. Backed by four double-plays, Lester rebounded from his shortest start of the season to pitch his longest since joining the Cubs. He was relieved by Hector Rondon (5-2) with two outs in the ninth after scattering six hits and striking out six.

Anthony Rizzo's triple in the seventh drove in Chris Coghlan — who had doubled for only Chicago's second hit — to break a scoreless tie in a pitching duel between Lester and Indians ace Corey Kluber.

REDS 12, TIGERS 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Brandon Phillips drove in four runs with a home run and a triple during Cincinnati's 10-run sixth inning and the Reds came back from a five-run deficit to snap a nine-game losing streak and beat the Tigers.

In the makeup of a game postponed on June 18 by rain, former Detroit shortstop Eugenio Suarez homered and doubled during Cincinnati's biggest inning since scoring 10 runs

against Arizona in August 2005. Fourteen Reds batted in the inning against four Detroit pitchers, including reliever Al Albuquerque (3-1), who allowed three runs while not retiring any of the three batters he faced.

Collin Balester (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

BRAVES 5, ROCKIES 3

ATLANTA (AP) — Jonny Gomes drove in three runs with two hits, including a two-run homer in the first, and the Braves beat the Rockies to end their seven-game losing streak.

Adonis Garcia snapped a 2-2 tie with a homer off Jorge De La Rosa (7-6) in the fourth. Gomes' fifth-inning single drove in Cameron Maybin, who doubled. The losing streak was Atlanta's longest of the season. The Rockies have lost four straight.

Colorado's Charlie Blackmon and Ben Paulsen hit homers in the first and second innings, respectively. Julio Teheran (9-6) was strong after that as he allowed three runs on four hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Rockies right fielder Carlos Gonzalez left the game in the fifth with soreness in his right knee. His status is day to day.

PIRATES 5, MARLINS 2

MIAMI (AP) — J.A. Happ pitched six scoreless innings, extending a streak of strong starts for the Pirates in a win over the Marlins.

Pittsburgh starters have thrown 19 1-3 consecutive scoreless innings, and Happ (2-1) has allowed one earned run in his past 17 1-3 innings.

The Pirates won for the sixth time in seven games to climb a season-high 27 games above .500. They have won five consecutive road games since Aug. 13, and they're 4-0 this year against Miami.

Tom Koehler (8-12) allowed two runs in six innings. He lost his sixth start in a row, and against the Pirates he fell to 0-4 in four career starts. □



St. Louis Cardinals' Thomas Pham, left, tags home plate as he gets around Arizona Diamondbacks' Wellington Castillo, right, during the seventh inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, in Phoenix.

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Sunlight encourages the production of white blood cells to boost the immune system and fight infection. UV rays from the sun act as a natural antiseptic, helping to combat viruses and bacteria. A little UV light eases common skin problems including acne, dermatitis and psoriasis. Most skin complaints are caused by over-sensitivity. The sun's UV rays help to combat this sensitivity. Not seeing sunlight for prolonged periods, like during grey skies of winter can cause Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), where the person can feel "sad" or depressed. The sun even promotes the release of proteins, which makes your body's use of oxygen more effective, helping heart attack patients survive longer. However, you can have too much of a good thing, so limit your exposure to no more than 15 minutes a day before applying a sun cream, and do not go out in the hottest part of the day, between 11:00am and 2:00pm. If this is not possible, wear protective clothing and

sunscreen.

Also influenced by the sun is melatonin, a hormone that naturally makes you sleepy. Melatonin levels rise when the sun goes down to help you sleep. Levels then drop, when the sun rises, waking you up. Insomnia and irregular sleep patterns tend to improve in the summer when we are exposed to more sunlight. Are you guilty of staying up late with artificial lighting, or do you work late shifts, thus messing up your body's natural sleep cycle? If melatonin levels are not working correctly, it affects your body's ability to make vitamin D.

Vitamin D is called the "sunshine vitamin" because it can be made in the skin from exposure to sunlight. We assume that those of us, who live in sunny climates, have adequate vitamin D production. However, when we make assumptions, we're limiting ourselves to a narrow view of things. Vitamin D is vital both for healthy bones and preventing rickets, a childhood disorder in which bones become soft and prone to fractures and deformity. Another benefit from Vitamin D – it fights viruses naturally. Vitamin D is actually a group of hormones responsible for enhancing absorption of calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphate and zinc. In humans, the most important compounds in this group are vitamin D3 and vitamin D2.



In my constant search to stay current and improve the health of my family and patients, I read many studies that said an estimated 1 billion people worldwide, across all ethnicities and age groups have a vitamin D deficiency! This pandemic of vitamin D deficiency has mainly been attributed to lifestyle and environmental factors that reduce exposure to sunlight, which is required for ultraviolet-B (UVB)-induced vitamin D production in the skin.

Dark skin absorbs more UVB in the melanin of their skin than light skin does. This means more sun exposure is required to produce the same amount of vitamin D. Wow! Like many people, I thought dark skin would be more effective in producing Vitamin D not less.

I decided to test some of my patients' Vitamin D levels, choosing a variety of ages, sex and body types of those only living in Aruba, where we have strong sunlight. When we received the results that both shocked and humbled me; all of us came out vitamin D deficient! The initial test was just a

small selection of people. Now I recommend checking not only for Vitamin D, but also Cortisol, which shows possible deficiency of melatonin levels, to see if melatonin is affecting vitamin D and if supplementation is needed. This is especially important for patients especially in climates where the sun doesn't shine long and strong, but also here on the sunny side. Most oil-rich fish such as salmon, mackerel, and herring contain vitamin D₃, but we are not getting sufficient amounts of D₂ from our foods anymore with modern farming and altered food conditions. Vitamin D is an independent risk factor for premature aging. Emerging research supports the possible role of vitamin D in prevention of cancer, heart disease, fractures and falls, autoimmune diseases, influenza, type-2 diabetes, and depression.

Health care providers have begun to increase their recommendations for vitamin D supplementation to at least 1000 IU per day. Personally, I recommend testing your vitamin D status first, then with results, when deficient supplementing with up to 5000 IU of a high quality vitamin D; then testing again after three to six months. Doing this, I have achieved positive results.

Get The Point! Making assumptions is natural, but inefficient. By not using all the tools available to be sure what is really happening, the assumption can cost more in the long run. Contact us about testing your vitamin D levels

so we can show you how to adjust your lifestyle and if you need a little "sunshine vitamin" supplementation. Meanwhile, get outside and soak up some sun, or better, join us on one of our beautiful ABC Islands. We're on the sunny side of the "street."

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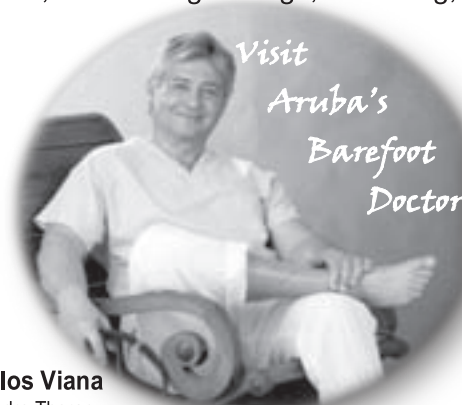
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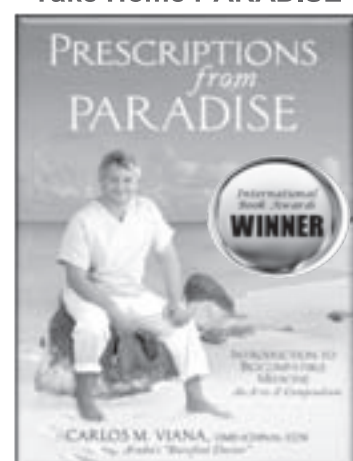
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Tech startups want to change the way you drive

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A veteran computer scientist hates sitting in his car at stop lights, so he creates software that makes the experience less annoying. A former engineering professor wants to double the range of today's electric vehicles. And an aeronautics expert believes flying cars shouldn't be science fiction. It's no secret that technology is changing the car industry. The major automakers, as well as tech giants such as Google and possibly Apple, are laying the groundwork for the first driverless cars. Meanwhile, a number of engineers and entrepreneurs have started their own companies to tackle other automotive challenges. Here are six startups that want to change the way you drive:

CONNECTED SIGNALS:

Traffic lights bring order to intersections, but have their inconveniences: They turn red when you're in a hurry; they take forever to change green. And then your mind wanders while you wait — until the guy behind you starts leaning on his horn.

Entrepreneur and computer scientist Matt Ginsberg hates red lights. So he started Connected Signals, based in Eugene, Oregon, to collect real-time data from cities that synchronize their traffic signals. The company's smartphone app tells motorists if an upcoming signal is about to change color. It shows drivers how long they'll have to wait if a light is red — and chimes a warning just before it turns green.

The app helps prevent distraction, unnecessary acceleration and delays,



In this Monday, July 29, 2013 photo, the TerraFugia "roadable plane" folds up its wings after flying at the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wis.

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Ginsberg says. BMW has added it to its driver display. Ginsberg also sees an opportunity in selling data for automotive systems that shut off a car's engine to save gas during longer red lights. One hurdle is getting the raw data from individual cities: Ginsberg has agreements with about 100 towns and hopes to cover half the United States by 2017.

PARKME:

Sam Friedman and Alex Israel missed the start of a movie because they couldn't find a place to park. That's when the two young men, friends since kindergarten, decided to launch a company.

Los Angeles-based ParkMe is one of several startups with smartphone apps that help drivers find, reserve and pay online for parking spots. But it's gone further than most in solving the data hurdle: ParkMe boasts parking information from 1,800 cities around the world, much of it collected via live feeds from ticket

dispensers at commercial and municipal lots.

ParkMe also gets street parking data from meters that accept credit cards and from cities that use pavement sensors for parking enforcement. While it uses the data in its apps for drivers, ParkMe also sells it to planning agencies and car companies, including Audi, for their navigation systems.

METROMILE:

That little diagnostic port under your car's dashboard isn't just for mechanics. It can provide useful information for drivers and insurance companies, too. Several startups use matchbox-sized devices that plug into the port and send information on a car's performance to the driver's smartphone. San Francisco startup MetroMile goes further. It sells car insurance on a pay-per-mile basis, using a similar device to verify the miles driven.

Other insurance companies are trying similar devices to track drivers' be-

havior, but MetroMile says it won't penalize a customer for speeding or slamming the brakes. The company promises significant savings for people who don't drive much. That may limit the potential market, although CEO Dan Preston says drivers also get useful information from MetroMile's app.

CRUISE:

You don't need to wait years to enjoy autonomous driving. At least that's the premise behind Cruise Automation's "highway autopilot" kit. Cruise engineers have retro-fitted some recent Audi models with prototype kits consisting of rooftop sensors, a computer in the trunk and controls that fit behind the steering wheel. Founder Kyle Vogt says the system will keep a car within its freeway lane, while steering around curves and maintaining safe distance from other vehicles. Vogt, a software engineer who helped launch streaming video service Twitch.tv, told The Associated Press in De-

cember that he hoped to deliver the first Cruise kits to customers this year. But he stressed the importance of testing before releasing the product, to ensure it is safe. While Cruise received a permit in June to conduct tests on California highways, a spokesman recently declined comment on its timetable.

SAKTI3:

Most electric vehicles on the market only go 100 miles on a charge. A better battery is the industry's "Holy Grail," says investor Quin Garcia of Auto Tech Ventures, which funds automotive startups.

Sakti3, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is among several startups trying new approaches to lithium-ion batteries. Founder Ann Marie Sastry, a former engineering professor at the University of Michigan, was invited to a White House event this month to explain her ideas for making powerful batteries more cheaply.

It's not enough to come up with an idea for a new battery, Sastry said. "If you can't make it cost-effectively, you can't have an impact." She's using computer simulations to design processes for making solid-state batteries that are lighter and hold twice the energy, providing more range. Appliance-maker Dyson Inc. has invested in Sakti3 and wants to use its technology. General Motors is also an investor.

TERRAFUGIA:

TerraFugia, a privately backed startup in Woburn, Massachusetts, admits on its website that flying cars have become a pop-culture symbol for dreams that don't come true. CEO Carl Dietrich wants to change that. □

China cuts interest rates again to spur economic growth

BEIJING (AP) — China cut interest rates for a fifth time in nine months Tuesday in a new effort to shore up slowing economic growth, and its top economic official tried to dispel fears its yuan might fall further in value. The benchmark rate for a one-year loan will be cut by 0.25 percentage points

to 4.6 percent and the one-year rate for deposits will fall by a similar margin to 1.75 percent, the central bank announced. It also increased the amount of money available for lending by reducing the minimum reserves banks are required to hold by 0.5 percentage points. The moves had been ex-

pected after exports, manufacturing and other economic indicators weakened by larger margins than expected. Premier Li Keqiang, the country's top economic official, said there was no basis for further declines in the yuan, also known as the renminbi, following its surprise Aug. 11 devalua-

tion. Economists said the 3 percent decline against the dollar was too small to help Chinese exporters. The central bank said the decline was a one-time event and part of changes meant to make the exchange rate more market-oriented, but it fueled fears of a "currency war" if other

government reduced their own exchange rates to keep export prices low. "There is no basis for continued devaluation of the renminbi exchange rate," Li said during a meeting with a visiting Kazakh official, according to state television. "It can remain stable at a reasonable and balanced level." □

Wall Street extends losses as early relief rally fades

ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

A rally in U.S. stocks evaporated in the minutes before the closing bell Tuesday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 200 points and extending Wall Street's losing streak to six days. For most of the day, it appeared that the market had shaken off some of its worries about the slowdown in China, and at one point the Dow was up by as much as 441. But sell orders began pouring in in the last 15 minutes of trading. The Dow ended with a loss of 204.91 points, or 1.3 percent, at 15,666.44. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 25.59 points, or 1.4 percent, to 1,867.62. The Nasdaq composite declined 19.76 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,506.49. The rally came after China lowered interest rates to try to boost the world's second-biggest economy. Other world markets surged on the news out of Beijing, and for a while, it appeared that U.S. stocks would follow suit and that the global sell-off might stop. But Wall Street quickly

swung from positive to negative territory. "The return to a more traditional stimulus from China helped excite many investors," said Jeff Kleintop, chief global investment strategist at Charles Schwab. "But, in fact, this is more likely the start of a longer-term period of volatility." Stocks had also gotten a lift from economic reports showing a rebound in U.S. consumer confidence and sales of new American homes. The three major U.S. indexes have now lost ground six days in a row, with the Dow falling about 1,900 points over that period. The S&P 500 is down 12 percent from its record close of 2,130.82 on May 21. That puts it in what Wall Street calls a "correction" — a drop of at least 10 percent from its most recent high. China cut its interest rates for the fifth time in nine months in a renewed effort to shore up economic growth. The central bank also increased the amount of money available for lending by reducing the reserves banks are required

to hold. A slowdown in China has the potential to significantly crimp demand for oil and other commodi-

ties, a ripple effect that could dampen global economic growth. "The Chinese economy is going to be on this bumpy road for a while, and it will have ebbs and flows that will no doubt have a serious impact on the global econ-

omy," said Kamel Mellahi, professor at the Warwick Business School. "What we are seeing now is a dress rehearsal of things to come." Beyond China, traders are waiting for clarity from the Federal Reserve, which has signaled it could begin raising its key interest rate from near zero for the first time in nearly a decade as early as this year. The Fed isn't



A screen above the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the closing number for the Dow Jones industrial average, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015. U.S. stocks closed lower Tuesday after falling sharply in the final hour of trading. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

European markets recovered almost all their losses from Monday's sell-off. Germany's DAX jumped 5 percent, while France's CAC-40 rose 4.1 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares gained 3.1 percent. □

Dubai, Saudi markets make gains after sell-offs

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Associated Press
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia's stock market closed more than 7 percent higher and Dubai's main index inched up more than 4 percent on Tuesday after several days of sell-offs on the back of a further slide in oil prices and investor concerns over

China's economy. The Saudi Tadawul index, the region's largest, had dropped 12.3 percent over two consecutive trading sessions, before gaining 7.4 percent. Dubai's index rose 4.6 percent after sliding almost 8.5 percent since opening day of trading for the week on Sunday. Sebastien Henin, head

of Asset Management at United Arab Emirates-based firm The National Investor, said some investors felt it was a good time to get back into the Gulf market after the drop in prices. "I think you know investors have realized that maybe they had overreacted in the past sessions following the surprise devaluation

of the Chinese currency," Henin said, referring to markets in the Middle East. Concerns about a slowdown in China shook markets around the world and caused the biggest drop in the U.S. stock market in nearly four years on Friday. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oil used by many U.S. refineries,

slipped to \$42.69 Monday, its lowest level since March 2009. Other Mideast indexes, which trade from Sunday to Thursday, also tumbled at the start of the week, with Egypt's main index, the EGX30, dropping 5.4 percent Sunday. Egypt closed Tuesday gaining 2.75 percent. □

DC regulators reject Exelon, Pepco merger

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regulators in the District of Columbia rejected the proposed merger of power companies Exelon and Pepco on Tuesday, saying the deal would not benefit ratepayers.

The three-member D.C. Public Service Commission voted unanimously to reject the merger. It had already been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and by Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia, leaving the District as the final regulatory hurdle.

Chicago-based Exelon announced in April of 2014 that it was buying Washington, D.C.-based Pepco Holdings Inc. for \$6.8 billion. The deal would create a large electric and gas utility in the mid-Atlantic region, serving about 10 million customers.

The companies were able to reach settlements with opponents of the deal in other jurisdictions, but not in the nation's capital.

Commission chairman Betty Ann Kane said the companies did not meet their burden of showing that the proposed merger would benefit the public, and she said the new company would present regulatory challenges.

"We found no benefit to District ratepayers in a new management structure that did not include the Pepco president, thereby diminishing the influence of Pepco," she said. "Pepco would become a second-tier company in a much larger organization whose primary interest is production, not distribution."

The companies have 30 days to ask the commission to reconsider the decision. Exelon and Pepco said in a statement that they will consider their options.

"We are disappointed with the commission's decision and believe it fails to recognize the benefits of the merger to the District of Columbia," the statement said. □

American consumer confidence rebounds in August

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer confidence rebounded in August to the strongest reading in seven months after having fallen sharply in July.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence increased to 101.5 in August, up from a revised July reading of 91.0. It was the best showing since Janu-

ary.

Conference Board economist Lynn Franco says that consumers' assessment of current conditions was considerably more upbeat in August, primarily due to a more favorable view of the labor market.

The cutoff for responses to this survey was Aug. 13, a week before the deep plunge in stocks that began last Thursday.

Consumer expectations

about current conditions were more favorable in August with consumer opinions about the job market considerably more favorable. Those who viewed jobs as "plentiful" increased from 19.9 percent in July to 21.9 percent in August. Those who viewed jobs as "hard to get" decreased from 27.4 percent in July to 21.9 percent in August.

Analysts said the jump in

consumer confidence should support stronger consumer spending in coming months.

"The rise in consumer confidence adds to the evidence that the outlook for consumption growth in the second half of the year remains healthy," said Adam Collins, an economist at Capital Economics. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. □

Best Buy 2Q performance beats analysts' expectations

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NEW YORK (AP) — Best Buy's turnaround is charging ahead.

The nation's largest consumer electronics chain posted fiscal second-quarter results that handily beat analysts' estimates as shoppers picked up major appliances, large screen televisions and mobile phones.

The stock surged more than 14 percent in midday trading Tuesday.

Best Buy's results are benefiting from an overall shift in consumer spending toward big ticket items in the home amid improving home values. Business is also being helped by an explosion of new gadgets like Apple watch, which will be rolled out to all of Best Buy's big-box stores by the end of September. The trend in spending for the home is also playing into the hands of home improvement players like Home Depot, which also reported strong second-quarter results last week.

But Best Buy's strong performance is also the latest evidence that it has been able to successfully navigate a tough consumer electronics market as it wrestles with price pressures and increased competition from online stores, notably Amazon.com.

"The home focus is very meaningful, when you think about our competitive advantages," Best Buy's CEO Hubert Joly told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday.

And what about the stock market rout? Joly said that that hasn't had a measurable impact on shoppers' spending but it's something that it is carefully monitoring. But don't expect any knee jerk reactions from Best Buy, he said. The company isn't pulling back on merchandise offerings.

"What you're hearing from me is there's no panic" at

vamping stores and boosting training for its sales help. It's also been rolling out services like shipping goods from all its stores, which means speedier deliveries. Joly told The Associated Press that most online orders are being shipped within two days, and online shoppers are getting a precise delivery date. Meanwhile, Best Buy has

appliances, which accounted for 10 percent of its sales mix in the latest quarter. Appliance sales surged 20.7 percent in the latest quarter. It's highlighting appliances in specific kitchen and home areas within its stores.

It's also fortifying its relationship with Apple. Joly told investors that demand for Apple watches is so



Customers stand in line as they wait for the doors to open at Best Buy in McAllen, Texas. Best Buy's fiscal second-quarter results handily beat analysts' estimates as shoppers picked up major appliances, large screen televisions and mobile phones. The stock surged up 14 percent in midday trading Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015.
(AP Photo/The Monitor, Gabe Hernandez)

the company, he said. It was only a few years ago that naysayers were about to write Best Buy's obituary, questioning how a big-box retailer could compete in a shifting landscape where shoppers are increasingly researching products at big stores and then buying online for a lower price.

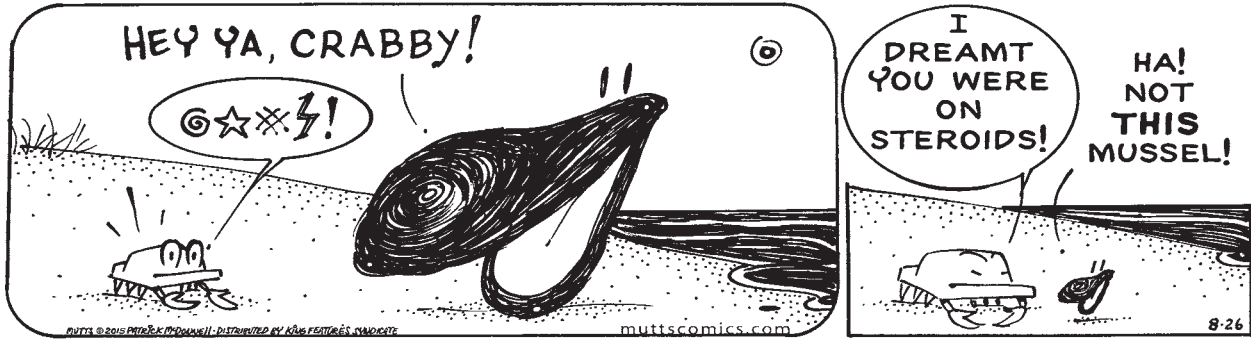
Under Joly, who took the helm in 2012, Best Buy has been cutting costs, re-

been improving the shopping experience at the stores. The chain has also been working with big suppliers like Samsung to develop home theater areas for shoppers to check out. It's also been catering to shoppers' increasing interest in "smart home" technology - the ability to turn down the heater remotely, for example.

Best Buy also is staking out

strong it will be carrying the gadget in all 1,050 of its big box stores and about 30 of its Best Buy mobile stores by the end of September. Apple Watch went on sale in more than 100 of its stores in early August. It plans to update a total of 520 Apple shops within its stores with new fixtures by the holiday shopping season; it has already overhauled 350 of them. □

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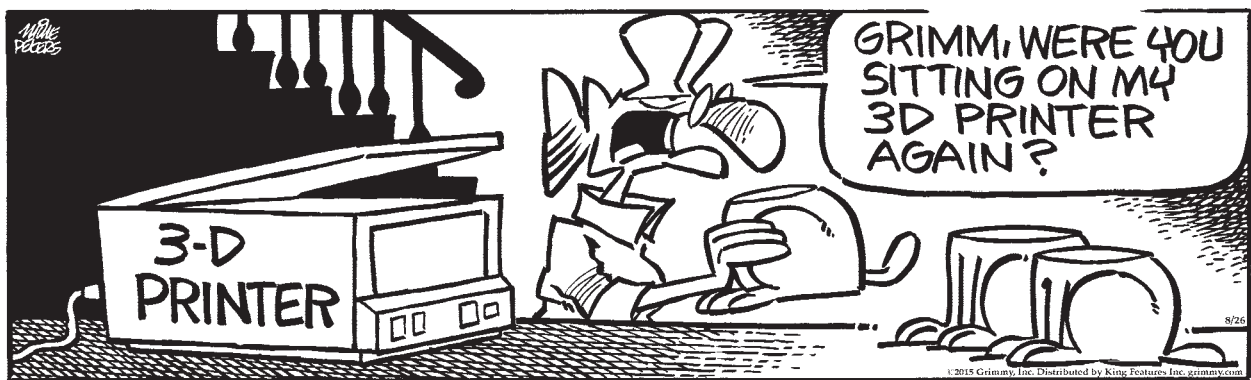
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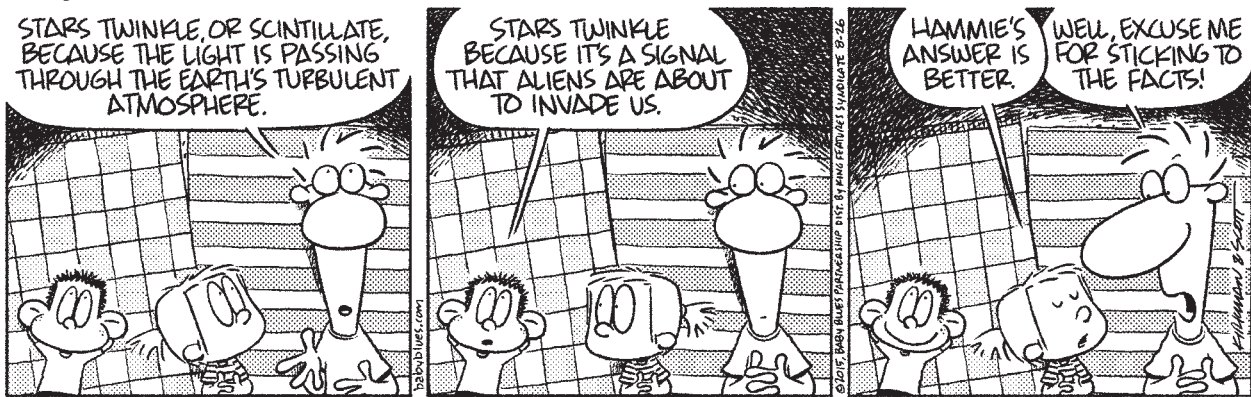
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Blue or red
- Store away
- TV remote control button
- Bring together
- Barber's focus
- As comfortable as an old shoe
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- Up to the task
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- Boxer & Hatch
- Shrewd
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- Lager
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- Valuable thing
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- Enjoy a snow activity
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- Warmed up
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- Standard
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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| 7 | Hunter and others | 54 | Friendlier |
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| 9 | Yuletide greenery | 57 | Diminishes |
| 10 | Was important | 58 | Rogers & Clark |
| 11 | Spend | 59 | Influence |
| 12 | One of the five senses | 62 | Clergyman's title: abbr. |
| 13 | Go into | | |
| 21 | Not as up-to-date | | |
| 23 | Hide and | | |
| 25 | Griddle bread | | |
| 26 | Largest brass instrument | | |
| 27 | Small bills | | |
| 28 | Troubles | | |
| 29 | State one's views | | |
| 32 | Ship poles | | |
| 34 | Paul Hogan's home: abbr. | | |
| 35 | Accept | | |
| 36 | Went down a fire pole | | |
| 38 | Cover an area with new trees | | |

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Liberians look for help to care for research chimps

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Associated Press

CHIMPANZEE ISLAND, Liberia (AP) — Eleven chimpanzees rushed out from the bush and descended from trees to the shore, making jubilant sounds to greet the speed boat bringing food.

Samantha, the oldest of the group in her mid-forties, along with Mabel, Bullet and others eagerly welcomed their daily delivery of pumpkins, rice, plantains and papaya. Some impatiently ran into the water to meet the boat.

These chimpanzees are among 66 that were used for research for years. The New York Blood Center did tests on the chimps for Hepatitis B and other diseases in Liberia in the 1970s, stopping about a decade ago. In March the center stopped payments to care for the animals, according to the Washington-based Humane Society of the United States, which is now helping to support the chimpanzees and looking for a long-term solution. After years in captivity, the chimpanzees are dependent upon human care. They live on six mangrove outcroppings that make up Chimpanzee Island, situated where the Farmington and Little Bassa rivers meet before emptying into the Atlantic Ocean, about 50



In this photo taken on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, a caretaker feeds chimpanzees on the six mangrove outcroppings that make up Chimpanzee Island, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) southeast of Liberia's capital, Monrovia.

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"We don't give any of them food until all of them have gathered so that they are served together," said Joseph Thomas who has looked after the chimps for 36 years.

Approaching them, he gently stroked their noses and rubbed their lips and heads. "It is a great experience for me," he told The Associated Press.

The noises stop as the

chimps eat, sitting about four feet to six feet apart.

Then dessert is served — coconuts. The chimps peel them with their teeth and bash them on rocks to crack them open and devour the treat inside.

The scene plays out on each of six mangrove islands. On one, a clever chimp ate his meal quickly, washed his hands and rejoined the line of those who had not yet been served. The caretaker recognized him and told him that he cannot have more.

The New York Blood Center "walked away from their responsibility," Dr. Fatoma Bolay, director of The Liberian Institute for Biomedical Research, told The Associated Press. "We are doing our best."

On its website the New York Blood Center said the animals are owned by Liberia's government, "and their officials have repeatedly acknowledged that

they have responsibility for the care of the chimpanzees." It said its support of the chimpanzees was voluntary.

"Eventually, we had no choice but to inform the Liberians that we could no longer provide this charitable support and provided advance notice to ensure a smooth transition," it said. But the funding pullout created a huge gap of support for the staff and the chimpanzees, said John Abayomi Zeonyuway, a volunteer and co-director of the Liberian institute. The notification also came during the largest ever Ebola outbreak.

"The resources we have now are very limited," he said. "What if the Humane Society pulls out? Then these chimps will starve to death completely."

The mangrove islands are lush green, but there is little food for the chimps. Surrounded by brackish, salty

water they are dependent upon reservoirs of fresh water that the caretakers fill regularly. Taking care of the animals costs between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per month, said Zeonyuway. The cash-strapped Liberian government has not shown interest in caring for the chimps, he said.

The Humane Society of the United States has raised about \$160,000 through crowd funding site GoFundMe, said Kathleen Conlee, the organization's vice president of animal research.

"The outpouring of support for the chimpanzees has been wonderful but this fundraising is not something we can sustain long-term," she said. "New York Blood Center must reinstate some level of funding and we are going to continue to pressure them until they do. They were the ones who captured chimpanzees from the wild and created this horrible situation."

Residents near the chimpanzee colony say they appreciate the difficulties the animals are going through, but they themselves are scraping by as small-scale fishermen.

"The feeding of these animals should be everybody's business," said Christine Garr, 35, a local fish seller in Marshall. The human relationship with these chimpanzees has been fraught. Taken from the wild and held captive for research, they were later released on the mangrove islands but do not know how to live independently. During Liberia's civil war in the 1990s, many of the more than 160 chimpanzees that had been retired to the islands were killed by soldiers or died of starvation, said Zeonyuway. □



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Fox News chief: Donald Trump owes Megyn Kelly an apology



This file photo combination made from Aug. 6, 2015, photos shows Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, and Fox News Channel host and moderator Megyn Kelly during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena, in Cleveland.

Associated Press

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News chief Roger Ailes said Tuesday that Donald Trump owes the network's Megyn Kelly an apology for an unprovoked Twitter attack that "is as unacceptable as it is disturbing," but Trump isn't backing down. The Republican presidential front-runner-turned-TV-critic had welcomed Kelly back from a vacation Monday night by tweeting that he liked her show better while she was away. Trump said Kelly "must have had a terrible vacation" because "she's really off her game." He retweeted a message that referred to her as a bimbo. "Megyn Kelly represents the very best of American journalism and all of us at

Fox News Channel reject the crude and irresponsible attempts to suggest otherwise," said Ailes, the Fox News Channel chairman. "I could not be more proud of Megyn for her professionalism and class in the face of all of Mr. Trump's verbal assaults." Trump, in a statement, said he disagreed with Ailes and that he doesn't think Kelly is a quality journalist. "Hopefully in the future I will be proven wrong and she will be able to elevate her standards to a level of professionalism that a network such as Fox deserves." In a news conference later Tuesday in Dubuque, Iowa, Trump again refused to apologize to Kelly, saying, "She should probably apologize to me, but I just don't care." Trump has been at-

tacking Kelly ever since her tough questioning of him during the first GOP presidential debate, seen by 24 million people on Fox on Aug. 6. A day after the debate, he said Kelly had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever." That led to a private, clear-the-air conversation between Ailes and Trump two weeks ago, but that clearly hasn't led to peace. In his tweets, Trump repeated his contention that Kelly, host of a prime-time Fox News show and one of the network's biggest stars, was sent on an unplanned vacation that ended Monday. Fox said her time off had been scheduled long before the debate. Trump also tweeted that Kelly was afraid to confront a guest,

Dr. Cornel West, and that she had "no clue" on immigration.

Ailes again backed Kelly for her questioning during the debate, which he said was tough but fair.

"Donald Trump rarely apologizes, although in this case, he should," Ailes said.

"We have never been deterred by politicians or anyone else attacking us for doing our job, much less allowed ourselves to be bullied by anyone and we're certainly not going to start now."

Some of Kelly's Fox col-

leagues also came to her defense.

Bret Baier, who moderated the debate with Kelly and Chris Wallace, tweeted that "this needs to stop." Brian Kilmeade said on "Fox & Friends" that Trump's comments bothered him personally.

"We are all friends with Donald Trump, but he is totally out of bounds reigniting that fight," Kilmeade said. "I don't know if he's trying to get ratings out of that or poll numbers, but he's not going to be successful." □

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Behar back on 'The View'; Cameron Bure, Faris also co-hosts

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AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joy Behar is returning to "The View" as a co-host, part of an overhauled panel that also will include newcomers Candace Cameron Bure and Paula Faris.

Another familiar "View" face, former co-host Sherri Shepherd, will be back as a contributor, ABC News said Tuesday.

ABC has been trying to find the right formula and improved ratings for the daytime talk show since the departure of co-creator and on-air leader Barbara Walters in 2014. Behar, Cameron Bure and Faris will join returning moderator Whoopi Goldberg and co-hosts Raven-Symoné and Michelle Collins for the show's 19th season that begins Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Behar, a co-host from seasons one through 16, said in a statement that



In this April 1, 2013 file photo, TV personality Joy Behar arrives at the "Lucky Guy" Opening Night in New York. Associated Press

she's happy to be "back home."

"And I'm looking forward to stick-

ing my two cents into the hot topics, especially now that Hillary and the Donald are in the spotlight," she said, referring to presidential candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Donald Trump.

Actress and writer Cameron Bure starred as D.J. Tanner on the sitcom "Full House" and is part of the upcoming "Fuller House" Netflix sequel.

Faris, an ABC News correspondent, was named co-anchor for the weekend edition of "Good Morning America" in 2014.

Shepherd will join with fellow contributors Padma Lakshmi, Stacy London, Ana Navarro and Molly Sims to weigh in on topics including politics, style and health, ABC said.

Co-host turnover at "The View" has included the departures of Jenny McCarthy, Rosie O'Donnell, Nicolle Wallace and Rosie Perez.

Special invitation:

On Thursday, August 27 there will be a presentation of the book "Fidel's Dauphin: The secret history of Hugo Chavez and the

February 4th Coup d'état " followed by a book signing by the author General Carlos Peñaloza. The event will be held at Para-

dise Beach Villas at 7 p.m. General Peñaloza gives his narrative up to the failed coup attempt of February 4, 1992. Gen-

eral Peñaloza will read passages from the book and explain the state of current affairs in Venezuela. □



El militar de carrera y general retirado Carlos Julio Peñaloza combatió en los años sesenta las guerrillas castro comunistas urbanas y rurales.

En 1989 detiene a Hugo Chávez por conspiración, pero el Presidente Carlos Andrés Pérez ordena su libertad. Meses después Chávez encabeza un fallido golpe de estado.

En el primer libro, *El imperio de Fidel* cubrió las injerencias de Fidel Castro en Venezuela, hasta 1968, en esta segunda entrega, es la secuela a ese primer libro y culmina con el intento fallido de golpe de Estado del 4 de Febrero de 1992. El Delfín era el título que recibía el primogénito del rey de Francia.

Chávez es hechura de Fidel y de otros artesanos comunistas como Douglas Bravo y Alí Rodríguez Araque que trabajando en conjunto con políticos y jefes militares venezolanos lo crearon y desarrollaron. Chávez fue producto de hambres de poder potenciadas por su elocuencia y carisma.

"El General Peñaloza ha escrito un libro sobre Chávez y Fidel imprescindible para entender cómo y por qué Venezuela se ha convertido en una explotada colonia cubana y conejillo de indias del "Foro de Sao Paulo". La investigación es impecable y la y enjundioso, deben beneficiarse tanto los cubanos como los venezolanos. Peñaloza fue jefe del Ejército venezolano y tuvo acceso a informes de inteligencia totalmente secretos. Si Carlos Andrés Pérez lo hubiera escuchado la historia de Venezuela sería diferente. Esta obra es de las que perdurarán".

CARLOS ALBERTO MONTANER, periodista y escritor



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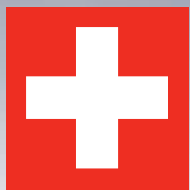
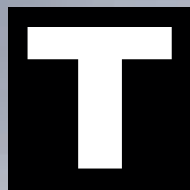



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